

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
STUDY GUIDE

A written examination for the class of **DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **GONZALES** on **DECEMBER 01, 2005**, will consist of approximately 140 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
FIRE ADMINISTRATION Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service management and administration, involving management theory, researching, planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, and evaluating departmental operations; personnel management, including applicable provisions of civil service law; and public relations.	20.7%
MANAGING EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY/SUPPLIES Knowledge of the general care and maintenance of equipment, property and supplies, including verifying that equipment is tested and meets applicable standards.	7.9%
RECORDS/REPORTS Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, including preparation, content, format, and control; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation and organization of data into an effective written format for reports.	7.9%
SUPERVISION Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	18.6%

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
TRAINING Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for implementing an effective training program, including serving as an instructor.	5.0%
FIREGROUND COMMAND Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to direct emergency scene operations, train employees, and to supervise subordinate employees at the scene of an emergency in the following areas; performing size-up; directing rescue, forcible entry, ventilation, nozzle and hose handling, protection of exposures, fire extinguishment, pump operations, use of sprinkler and standpipe systems, use of water supplies, salvage, overhaul, and emergency medical services; acting as part of the fire attack team; overseeing safety procedures; handling hazardous materials; and maintaining fireground communications.	27.1%
FIRE PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION Knowledge of life safety codes sufficient to enforce codes; and of fire prevention and investigation procedures sufficient to train subordinates and perform the duties related to pre-fire planning, fire inspections, and fire investigations, including fire cause determination, evidence collection, and court testimony.	12.9%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 3rd ed., 1995.

NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

Essentials of Firefighting, 4th ed., 1998.

Fire Department Company Officer, 3rd ed., 1998.

Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 6th ed., 1998.

Introduction to Fire Origin and Cause, 2nd ed., 1997.

Fire Hose Practices, 8th ed., 2004.

Fireground Support Operations, 1st ed., 2000.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 3rd ed., 1999.

OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

KIRK'S FIRE INVESTIGATION, Brady, A Prentice-Hall Division, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632, 5th ed., 2002.

ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

LOW FIDELITY TESTING: SME panel of AFC's & DEPFC's. 3/27/03.

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